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SUBJECT: A DOMINICAN REACTION TO U.S. STATEMENT

ON VOTE FOR ORFILA

1. LOCAL PRESS AND RADIO THIS MORNING FEATURED REPORTS ON OAS ELECTION, INCLUDING AP ITEM THAT, ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR MAILLARD, US VOTED FOR AMBASSADOR ORFILA DURING THE CONTEST TO REPLACE GALO PLAZA AS OAS SECGEN. AMBASSADOR MAILLARD REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT US INCLINED TOWARD AMBASSADOR ORFILA BECAUSE OF HIS PERSONAL QUALITIES. WE EXPECT TO BE QUESTIONED REGARDING THESE REPORTS.

2. ONLY PRESS EDITORIAL COMMENT WAS IN THIS MORNING'S LISTIN DIARIO, UNDOUBTEDLY WRITTEN BY EDITOR RAFAEL HERRERA. IT STRUCK RESONANT DOMINICAN CHORD IN DISCUSSING U.S. VOTE. IN BITTERLY WITTY TERMS HERRERA POINTED OUT THAT WHILE U.S. ABANDONMENT OF SILENCE AS TO ITS POSITION MAY DAMAGE THE CAUSE OF GOMEZ BERGES, ITS COMING OUT IN HIS FAVOR WOULD HAVE BROUGHT ACCUSATIONS THAT DOMINICANS WERE "TOOL OF YANKEES, BASSALS OF IMPERIALISM, ETCETERA." U.S., HOWEVER, MUST SEARCH OUT AND SUPPORT THOSE WHO ATTACK IT. "IN THEIR SEARCH FOR LOVE (AMERICANS) DO ANYTHING TO WIN THE SYMPATHY OF THOSE WHO FIGHT AGAINST THEM." HOWEVER, A CANDIDATE WHO CAN PUT UP AS GOOD A FIGHT AS DID GOMEZ

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BERGES AND FORCE THE UNITED STATES TO ABANDON ITS NEUTRAL

POSITION, SUCH A CANDIDATE REALLY REPRESENTS SOMETHING.
THE COUNTRY CAN FEEL SATISFACTION, HE SAID.
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